

MINUTES

MEETING OF: CITY OF CARLSBAD ARTS COMMISSION
DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 29, 2014
PLACE OF MEETING: City of Carlsbad Council Chamber
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad CA

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Tina Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Alter, DeForest, Johnson, Markovits, and Schmidt
Absent: Commissioners Voll and White
Staff Present: Heather Pizzuto, Library & Cultural Arts Director; Vincent Kitch, Cultural Arts Manager; Steve Didier, Senior Management Analyst; Patrick McGarry, Public Works Superintendent
Presenters: Jonathan Harman and Andrea Gifford, Group 4 Architecture; Gail Goldman, Public Art Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

By proper motion (DeForest/Markovits) and vote the minutes of the Oct. 2, 2014 regular meeting of the City of Carlsbad Arts Commission were approved as amended.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Group 4 Architecture (G4) presented an update on the capital improvement project for the Dove and Cole Libraries. The discussion focused on a few key topics related to Cultural Arts division and previous recommendations/questions from the commissioners from the Oct. 2, 2014 Arts Commission meeting. G4 discussed the reconfiguration of the Cultural Arts office space to provide better flexibility and to take advantage of natural light. The improvements to be made to the Schulman Auditorium include raising the height of the stage to 27" and staggering the seating to provide better sight-lines, creating an accessibility ramp on the west side of the auditorium, removing the wings from the stage to create a larger stage surface and adding additional curtains for flexibility. They also discussed different shading options for the courtyard which may include an umbrella system, sails, or a roman shade. Options will be reviewed and addressed in relationship to functionality, cost and life expectancy of the product. They also addressed signage related to cultural arts venues and the entire library complex. Public involvement in decisions relating to teen use, furniture choices, etc. will be forthcoming and relevant boards and commissions will be regularly updated.

- Chair Schmidt presented a detailed timeline she felt indicated that the Arts Commission had not been involved or informed about the details relating to the redesign and the move from the Cultural Arts Office and was not involved in any of the decision making or allowed to make recommendations on the design scope of the remodel projects.
- Commissioner Deforest expressed very strong disagreement of the splitting up of the Cultural Arts staff into two separate locations in the Dove library. Director Pizzuto discussed the reasons for relocating the Cultural Arts staff to provide increased

opportunities for efficient use of resources and to locate Cultural Arts staff in the facilities where a significant amount of their programs are delivered to the public.

- Commissioner Alter expressed a need to focus on signs and way-finding. He wants to make signage for Cannon Gallery and Schulman Auditorium a priority. He also asked specific questions about the shade options in the courtyard. Director Pizzuto reported that the city has recently revised its sign to provide increased flexibility to support better way-finding signage and the department is looking into opportunities for enhanced signage at Library and Cultural Arts facilities. Group 4 and Superintendent McGarry discussed the different types of shade options related to the budget.
- Commissioner Markovits expressed concerns about the small islands in the parking area at the front of the library being difficult to see and expressed a desire to see them redesigned. Director Pizzuto reported that the parking lot has undergone a variety of modifications including relocating the book drop two times and repainting of curbs. The length of the islands is deemed necessary by the city to protect the cars parked there.
- Commissioner Alter asked if the chairs in the auditorium were going to be replaced. Superintendent McGarry reported that the auditorium chairs are going to be replaced because they can no longer find replacement parts for them. The current plan is to re-purpose those chairs which are good condition for use in City Council Chamber and the extras will be stored and used for spare parts.
- Commissioner Alter asked questions relating to the installation of curtains in the auditorium and the addition of a box office. Senior Management Analyst Didier discussed the configuration of the curtains and reported that at this time there is no space to build a box office.
- Commission Johnson expressed concerns relating to the Friends of the Arts losing storage and office space in the Cultural Arts Office. Manager Kitch reported that storage issues were being addressed by the moving committee and the possible installation of storage sheds or other options at Dove.
- Commissioner DeForest expressed questions about 3D printing options. Senior Management Analyst Didier reported that the tech lab is being designed for flexibility allowing the library to stay up with the latest in technology as it is presented in the future without modifications to the building.
- Commissioner Markovits expressed concern that the Cultural Arts Manager would be in an office without windows or natural light. Director Pizzuto responded that the Cultural Arts Manager was joining the department's executive team as was appropriate for his position.

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Manager Kitch reported that he was approached by Westfield Horton Plaza with a public art donation of a \$150,000-\$200,000 piece of work by Loren Madsen. Details will be discussed more in depth during the Dec. 4, 2014 Arts Commission meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Schmidt reminded the commissioners of the memorial service for former Mayor Bud Lewis upcoming this week and reminded the commissioners to call or send emails to the mayor and city council to remind them of the importance of art in the community.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Cultural Arts Manager Kitch reported that the art grant deadline just passed and that the panel would be meeting on Nov. 19 to review the submissions.

Gail Goldman was introduced. Ms. Goldman will be working on a Public Art Master Plan for the City of Carlsbad which will be completed within 8 to 9 months depending upon the efficiency of the approval process.

FRIENDS OF THE ARTS REPORT

The Friends of the Arts have been involved in community event including ArtSplash and engaged members as volunteers at the Fancy Nancy Tea Party and the following weekend with fundraising at Barnes & Noble. Results of that fundraiser will be forthcoming.

The Friends Meet & Greet event is upcoming on Nov. 12 at New Village Arts.

Commissioner Johnson reported that the Friends of the Arts have sent a letter to the city council about the displacement of the Friends organization and the Cultural Arts Office from the existing office and Sculpture Garden and implored the Arts Commission to do the same.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Alter expressed interest in getting Steinway to showcase the Steinway Piano in the Schulman Auditorium. Manager Kitch asked him to help establish that relationship.

Commissioner DeForest expressed interest in changing the name of the Cannon Gallery to the Cannon Museum. Manager Kitch reported that there is limited interest or benefit in doing this and that the current services and scope of the gallery are not necessarily aligned with those of a museum; but it is possible both to be an accredited museum with a collection or just a museum in name only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

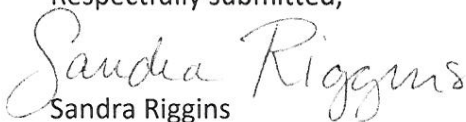
ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Markovits was designated as the representative on the CIP Interiors Committee for the CIP projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Schmidt adjourned the re-scheduled meeting of the Arts Commission at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Riggins".

Sandra Riggins
Sr. Office Specialist